

SYNONYMS FOR AN IDIOT!

Dumbo

Blockhead

Poop stock

Dullard

Drongo

Nincompoop

Silly billy

Dunce

Dunderhead

Klutz

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9 WAYS TO SAY SOMEONE IS LYING

1. Teller of untruths

For the poetically inclined, *teller of untruths* had a nice sting to it. You might even consider expanding the accusation to 'teller of untruths, your trousers have combusted!' in reference to the likely apocryphal story of translating the phrase 'liar, liar, pants on fire!' into French and then back again.

2. [Perjurer](#)

Not only were they lying, they were also doing it *under oath*. It's a crime! *Perjure* ultimately comes from the Latin word *periūrāre*, 'to swear falsely, to break one's oath'.

3. [Fabricator](#)

If false evidence is part of the problem, then *fabricator* should do the trick. Of course, *fabricator* may also refer to a person who 'constructs or manufactures something'.

4. [Equivocator](#)

If they're dancing around the truth, then *equivocator* might be just the word for you. The word refers to a person who 'uses ambiguous language so as to conceal the truth or avoid committing themselves'.

5. Prevaricator

Another word to nail down someone skirting around reality, *prevaricator* can be suitably applied to someone who 'speaks or acts in an evasive way'. The word *prevaricate* goes back to the Latin word *praevaricārī*, 'to plough crookedly or (of an advocate) to practice collusion'.

6. Spinner of yarns

Are they a teller of tall tales? Of far-fetched accounts of unlikely veracity? You might consider dropping 'spinner of yarns' into the discussion. With roots in nautical slang, consider it a bonus if your target is a sailing type.

7. Fabulist

Another storytelling option, you can touch on *fabulist* if the person is 'a liar, especially a person who invents elaborate, dishonest stories'. That said, *fabulist* may also refer to a 'person who composes or relates fables', so the term is best avoided if your target is Aesop or Orwell.

8. Fibster

Does this person lie about trivial, random things? Then there's no better way to belittle them than with the archaic *fibster*.

9. Pseudologist

Send 'em running to the *Oxford English Dictionary (OED)* with this one. *Pseudologist* is a rare and humorous term referring to a 'systematic liar'. You get to feel cultured also; the word goes back to the Greek term *ψευδολόγος*, which means 'speaking falsely, lying'.